

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Madam Speaker, the other side of the aisle keeps standing up and talking about MediScare, MediScare. The Democrats are scaring people. Well, the Democrats are not scaring people, it is their side of the aisle that scares people.

Luckily the American people have two ears and a brain. When they hear the other side of the aisle constantly saying the Medicare trust fund is in trouble, the Medicare trust fund is in trouble, so we are going to cut it \$274 billion, would that not scare you? Whoever said that you are going to help a trust fund by gutting a trust fund? Then they get angry when they find that the reason they are gutting the trust fund, the reason they are taking money out of their trust fund is to plug holes in the budget caused by the huge tax breaks for the fat cats that funded their campaign. That would scare me. That should scare you.

I think the American people are right on. When they have 1.4 percent taken out of their check every single paycheck and their employer adding the same thing to the trust fund, they want that trust fund to deal with future needs of seniors, not to help fat cats be able to bail out of the tax system.

PRESERVE MEDICARE

(Mr. HOKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOKE. Madam Speaker, where is the credibility on this issue? Let us go back to 1993, the last time we had any votes on Social Security. My friends on the other side of the aisle cut Social Security by \$2 billion, \$2 billion that they took out of the paychecks of Social Security recipients.

What have we done on this side of the aisle since the beginning of the 104th Congress with respect to seniors' issues? We have done two very important things. No. 1 is we, in fact, restored that \$25 billion cut to Social Security recipients, and we also lifted the earnings test on the limitation for earned income for senior citizens.

We have the credibility on this issue. The trustees of the President have made it clear that the Medicare trust fund cannot sustain the system. We do not have enough money on it. It is going broke. If we do not do something to strengthen, improve, save, preserve Medicare, we will not have a Medicare. Heavenly days, is it not our responsibility, is it not your responsibility to join in this effort to preserve Medicare.

DODGING THE FACTS ABOUT MEDICARE CUTS

(Mr. OLIVER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. OLIVER. Madam Speaker, Republicans are dodging the facts about their Medicare cuts. Let me give some of those fact.

Fact No. 1, the Republicans will cut Medicare by \$270 billion. No. 2, Republicans cut that Medicare to give \$245 billion in tax breaks, mostly to people who do not need them, people making over \$100,000 a year, and you guessed it, all Members of Congress are in that category. Fact No. 3, drastic cuts in Medicare will make health care too expensive for many seniors.

Madam Speaker, we are not talking about just a little increase in out-of-pocket costs, we are talking about double the deductibles, double the premiums, and huge new copayments for services like home care. If seniors cannot afford to pay that much more, they must ration their health care or simply go without needed care.

The last fact, Madam Speaker, the Republican plan is that simple and it is that real.

MEDICARE

(Mr. KIM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material.)

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, this is a report released by the Medicare board of trustees. By the way, three of these trustees are from President Clinton's own Cabinet. The report is shocking. I found out that the Medicare trust fund would be bankrupt in 7 years.

Second, I found out from this report that there is tremendous waste and fraud in this Medicare Program that we Republicans recognize this Medicare crisis with. We have rolled up our sleeves and are working on a 7-year plan to save Medicare from bankruptcy.

Even our own President Clinton recognized the crisis. He has offered a 10-year program to save Medicare from bankruptcy.

It amazes me that they keep attacking us saying that we are cutting. There is nothing to cut. We are not cutting anything, we are trying to eliminate waste and fraud.

So I got hold of their copy, what kind of a plan they are offering. Here it is, the Democrat plan to save Medicare. Nothing. Blank. They have no idea, they have no plan to save Medicare from bankruptcy, except attacking, attacking, and bashing. I think it is a shame.

REPUBLICAN PROPOSAL TO PRIVATIZE MEDICARE

(Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, the Republican leadership has misled Americans with their proposal to reform Medicare. "Reform" means to "make something better" not "make it worse."

The Republicans' idea of reform is to dismantle Medicare and limit choice by

herding seniors into private managed care, requiring seniors to pay more in out-of-pocket expenses, while receiving less in vital health care services.

Seniors have more health needs.

It is very unlikely HMO's will enroll seniors without raising premiums or restricting hospital stays, medical testing, and prescriptions.

Paying more to receive less services is not making the system better.

Also, instead of using the Medicare savings to improve the health care system, the Republican reformers will take \$270 billion from Medicare to pay for a \$245 billion tax cut for the wealthy.

The goal of the Republican Medicare plan is clear: Raid Medicare and put our Nation's seniors at risk to pay for tax breaks that make the wealthy more healthy.

ECONOMICALLY TARGETED INVESTMENTS

(Mr. JONES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, because President Clinton knows that he will never have the support of the Republican Congress to raise taxes, in order to fund his social projects and handouts, he is dipping into the \$3.5 trillion in private pension funds. The Clinton administration and his Department of Labor are encouraging pension fund managers all over the country to invest in economically targeted investments, or ETI's. ETI's are the administration's new scheme for harnessing private pension funds for social investment projects.

The American people should be able to sleep at night knowing that their retirement money is invested to give them the safest and most lucrative return possible. Their retirement money should not be improperly risked in ETI's. Madam Speaker, we must keep the Clinton administration's hands off America's pensions.

TRIBUTE TO LENORE DONNELLY

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to say thank you and pay tribute to the historic career of Mrs. Lenore Donnelly, originally of Worcester, MA, now of Virginia, who, for the last 10 years, has served this House with distinction, vivacity, good humor, and professionalism as Chief of Pages on the Democratic side of the aisle. Today is her last official day in this capacity as she retires to pursue family and personal interests.

Lenny came to Washington to work for Senator John F. Kennedy in the Presidential campaign in 1959 and later became a member of his White House staff. She served in helping to arrange

private and congressional tours of the White House and worked on arrangements for the President's trips within the United States and abroad, often traveling on such trips, including the famous trip to Ireland.

After the President's tragic assassination, she continued under President Johnson to serve at the White House during that administration. She worked in Senator Robert F. Kennedy's campaign for President, and after that Senator's tragic assassination, worked out of the New York office on his funeral arrangements at St. Patrick's Cathedral and the historic train ride bringing the Senator's body back to Washington.

Later she became Deputy Chief of the U.S. Capitol Guide Service, responsible for the orientation, supervision, and direction of all Capitol guides and tours. In 1985 she was appointed as Chief of Democratic Pages by Speaker O'Neill and has worked with over 2,000 young American Pages from all over the United States, responsible for their training, orientation, guidance, counseling, and familiarization with House procedures and conduct in this Chamber.

We wish her Godspeed, along with her husband, Ray Donnelly, who has been active in planning the Korean War Veterans Memorial being dedicated on July 27 on the Mall.

America could have had no finer daughter in service to this Nation. She has served millions and millions of our citizens as well as visitors from throughout the world.

Thank you, Mrs. Donnelly.

LENNY DONNELLY

(Mr. DINGELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a fine lady and great friend, who is a shining example and reminder to us all, of the tremendous good a single person can perform in a career of public service.

Lenny Donnelly has served this country with distinction in a career that has spanned 36 years. Early in her career she worked on President Kennedy's White House staff, where one of her duties was scheduling all VIP and congressional tours of the White House. There are still a few left in this Chamber, including myself, who will always be indebted to Lenny for her help in graciously accommodating our scheduling needs.

Lenny has been Chief of Democratic Pages for 10 years and in that time she has become a friend to us all. She has trained, guided, counseled, and cared for over 2,000 pages from all over the United States. Lenny has helped equip a wonderful group of young people with the tools to become part of the next generation of American leaders. Perhaps we will best come to understand her contribution to this institution when in the future, a public leader is asked to name a major influence, and they respond, their time spent as a page under the tutelage of Lenny Donnelly.

Lenny has left her unmistakable mark of expertise on the Page program and she will be

sorely missed. She has set a standard of excellence in the field of public service that we should all strive to meet. I wish Lenny the best in all of her future endeavors and am confident she will continue to positively influence the lives of many people in the future. On this, her last working day before retiring, I wish to give Lenny my profound thanks, gratitude, and respect for a job well done.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MORELLA). This entire body joins the gentlewoman from Ohio [Ms. KAPTUR] in thanking Mrs. Donnelly for the service she has performed. It is very special when you meet somebody who gives such a warm reception, sense of humor, sense of perspective, and sense of propriety, and we wish her well.

PERMISSION FOR SUNDRY COMMITTEES AND THEIR SUBCOMMITTEES TO SIT TODAY DURING THE 5-MINUTE RULE

Mrs. WALDHOLTZ. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the following committees and their subcommittees be permitted to sit today while the House is meeting in the Committee of the Whole House under the 5-minute rule: The Committee on Commerce, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

It is my understanding that the minority has been consulted and that there is no objection to these requests.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MORELLA). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Utah?

Mr. DOGGETT. Reserving the right to object, Madam Speaker, the Democratic leadership of each of those committees has been consulted, and we have no objection.

Madam Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Utah?

There was no objection.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2002, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

Mrs. WALDHOLTZ. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 194 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 194

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution, the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2002) making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. Points of order

against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 3 of rule XIII or section 401(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The bill shall be considered by title rather than by paragraph. Each title shall be considered as read. Points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI are waived except as follows: beginning with the colon on page 4, line 17, through "transportation" on page 6, line 2; beginning with "operations" on page 11, line 23, through the comma on line 25; beginning with the figure on page 20, line 12, through the comma before "and" on line 13; beginning with the colon on page 20, line 14, through the citation on line 19; page 27, lines 22 through 25; page 28, lines 3 through 8; page 28, lines 21 through 24; page 29, lines 3 and 4; page 29, lines 7 through 10; page 29, lines 15 and 16; page 29, line 23, through page 30, line 6; page 48, lines 5 through 7; page 51, lines 14 through 22; page 53, lines 1 through 13; page 54, lines 3 through 24; and page 55, line 1, through page 63, line 6. Where points of order are waived against part of a paragraph, points of order against a provision in another part of such paragraph may be made only against such provision and not against the entire paragraph. During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 6 of rule XXIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. It shall be in order at any time to consider the amendment printed in part 2 of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. The amendment may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall not be subject to amendment, and not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendment printed in part 2 of the report are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Utah [Mrs. WALDHOLTZ] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. WALDHOLTZ. Madam Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from California [Mr. BEILEN-SON], pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume.

During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purposes of debate only.

Madam Speaker, House Resolution 194 is an open rule, providing for consideration of H.R. 2002, the Transportation appropriations bill for fiscal year 1996 with 1 hour of general debate.

I will be offering an amendment to the rule that resolves concerns between the Transportation Committee and the Appropriations Committee. The